



Louis Hotard

Director of Technical Service
ABC Companies, Inc.

Work Experience:

Third Generation in Motor Coach Industry. Family bus business started in 1938

Motor Coach Transportation Industry for over 35 years

Performed all facets of vehicle maintenance including, powertrain rebuilding, major body and accident repairs, vehicle painting, HVAC system overhaul, interior restoration, etc.

Maintained Commercial Vehicle Drivers License since 1973

1974-1994

Hotard Coaches Inc. as Maintenance Director

Maintained 90 Motorcoaches, School buses, and vans

1994-1996

Motor Coach Industries, as Special Project Manager

Worked with Seven "New Coach" Design Engineering Departments

Assisted with Access and Obsolete Parts inventory reduction project

Investigated new motorcoach field production issues for corrective action

1997- Present

ABC Bus Technical Director

Coach Manufacturer/ABC Liaison

Supplier/ABC Liaison

Coordinate NHTSA, NTSB, CVSA and Misc State Agencies Communications

Active with ABC Customer Support Staff

Education:

Graduated Edward Douglas White High School 1973

1973-1974 Completed Industrial Engines Course at South Louisiana Vo-Tech School

Received 2007 UMA Safety Leader Award from Mathew Daecher, as the first non motorcoach operator to receive this award.

Completed 5 Bus and Motorcoach Academy UMA Safety Management Seminars, in addition to being invited by Vic Parra and UMA staff to serve as a guest speaker at several Seminars

Sits on several industry committees:

ABA's Bus Industry Safety Council (BISC) Vehicle Committee with Norm Littler and Peter Pantuso, and other industry personnel.

Sits on CVSA's Passenger Committee and assist Steve Keppler with motorcoach issues and NAIC competitions.

Assisted the NHTSA's ODI office, and Sonny Murianka on motorcoach issues.

Assisted NTSB highway field investigators on motorcoach issues, and maintain dialog with Chairperson Honorable Deborah Hersman on future motorcoach safety enhancements.

Invited to testify in NTSB Wilmer Bus Fire hearing on general motorcoach emergency exits on European coaches supplied to the US and Europe.